

Remarks

Claims 17 through 32, 34 and 35 are in the case. Claims 1-16 and 33 have previously been canceled. Claims 24 and 27 have been amended. The Examiner has allowed claims 17-23, 29-32, 34 and 35 and rejected claims 24-28. Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing the above claims and apologize for not responding with respect to claims 24 and 27.

Applicants have now amended claims 24 and 27 so that only non-aryl containing vinyl terminated alcohols are used. Since only non-aryl containing vinyl terminated alcohols are used to make the carbinol silicone resins that means that aryl-containing carbinol groups are excluded from the carbinol-functional silicone resins made by the process. The cited references refer to hydroxyphenyl containing materials and processes using those materials. Applicants have now removed from the claims groups which would encompass those materials. Therefore, Applicants request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) be withdrawn. In addition, Applicants believe these amendments should overcome the Examiner's 103(a) rejection as well.

Therefore, the Applicants request that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn and claims 24 – 28 also be allowed to issue.

This reply is being submitted within the period for response to the outstanding office action. Although the Applicants believe in good faith that no extensions of time are needed, the applicants hereby petition for any necessary extensions of time. You are authorized to charge deposit account 04-1520 for any fees necessary to maintain the pendency of this application. You are authorized to make any additional copies of this sheet needed to accomplish the purposes provided for herein and to charge any fee for such copies to deposit account 04-1520.

Respectfully Submitted,

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